NSC BRIEFING

15 July 1954

## INDOCHINA

- I. Viet Minh pressure on French defense line increasing as elements of battle corps close in on shrinking perimeter.
  - A. Troops of the 304th Division, plus lesser elements, are harassing Hung Yen sector, on southern edge of defense line.
  - B. Elements of the 308th Division during past few days have made probing attacks in Luc Nam area, on northern edge.

Division is planning operations in
Haiduong section of Route 5, to cut
Hanoi's lifeline to Haiphong.

II. possible enemy move to cut delta in two, thus isolating Hanoi and hastening its fall.

A. A large-scale attack, with Luc Nam and Hung Yen as jumping-off points, would probably be accompanied by move of 312th Division against northwestern perimeter, with Hanoi as objective.

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- 1. 312th Division has been probing Vinh
  Yen area, and its intelligence units
  are active along defense line north
  and west of Hanoi.
- III. Meanwhile, Viet Minh apparently attempting strengthen its bargaining position in Annam.

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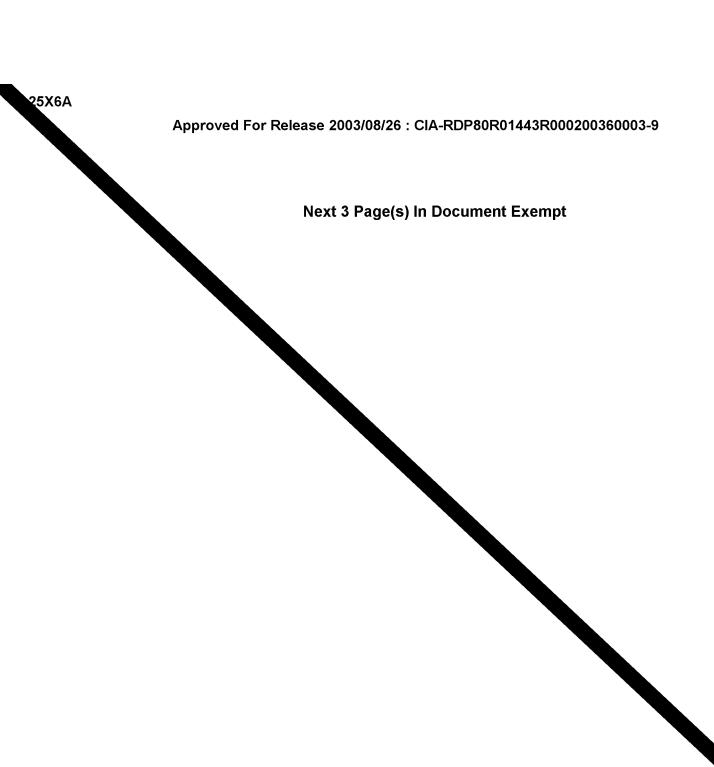
A. From 8 May to 8 July, known quantities include: 76 artillery pieces, 376 mortars, 90 bazookas, 6 multi-barreled rocket launchers, 206 machineguns, 1,800 sub-machineguns, and large shipments of ammunition.

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